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EXECUTIVE ORDER CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-EO-49

RESUME CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-E0-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Kentucky Legislature passed the COVID-19 Relief Bill (Senate Bill 150); and

WHEREAS, SB 150 contained language that suspended and tolled statutory deadlines related to code enforcement proceedings arising under KRS chapter 65, subject to the qualification that code enforcement proceedings could resume if sufficient safety measures were implemented; and

WHEREAS, as the City of Covington emerges from the pandemic and the local, state and national economies rebound, the City must resume typical, pre-covid operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has resumed in-person meetings subject to applicable capacity and other health and safety regulations via Executive Order 2021-EO-46; and

WHEREAS, City agencies will be returning to in-person meetings; and

WHEREAS, with recent federal and state guidance signaling a resumption of pre-COVID activities, City staff believes code enforcement proceedings and hearings can be accomplished in adherence with federal and state social distancing guidelines and other applicable directives.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in

Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order that:

- 1. The City shall resume service to the public in the area of code enforcement.
- 2. The Covington Code Enforcement Board may resume in-person hearings, as long as all applicable social distancing guidelines are followed effective June 1, 2021

This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MAY 26, 2021 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the May of May, 2021.

Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:

Michael P. Bartlett, Acting City Clerk

5-26-2021 Date